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IN THE MATTER OF US WEST

COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271 OF THE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-0238

PROCEDURAL ORDER

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 5, 2001, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. and TCG Phoenix, (collectively "AT&T") filed a Second Notice of Scheduling Issues.

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed a Response to AT&T's Notice on December 7, 2001.

On December 21, 2001, Arizona Corporation Commission Staff ("Staff") filed a Motion to Postpone Final OSS Workshop by one week. Staff states that Colorado has recently scheduled a workshop that conflicts with the Arizona workshop currently set for January 15-18, 2002, and several CLECs will be unable to participate in both proceedings because of the conflict. Staff also states that the parties have reported that with the holidays and overlap of comments and briefs due on Checklist items, they are unable to fully prepare and participate in the final workshop without additional time.

On December 28, 2001, Qwest filed its Opposition to Staff's Motion. Qwest opposed rescheduling the workshop because of the added delay. Qwest states the parties had agreed to the January 15 date and have not requested additional time to prepare. Additionally, Qwest requests a schedule for Staff to issue Final Reports and for the Hearing Division to issue Recommended Orders. Qwest requested an expedited procedural conference to address the issues raised by Staff's Motion and its Opposition.

On December 31, 2002, Worldcom, Inc. filed a Response and Concurrence to Staff's Motion.

On January 4, 2002, AT&T filed a Response to Staff's Motion and to Qwest's Motion to compel Staff to Release Reports.

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On January 4, 2002, Staff filed a Response to Qwest's Opposition to Postpone Final Workshop and Motion to Compel.

Oral argument on Staff's Motion to Postpone and Qwest's Motion to Compel was held on January 4, 2002.

The current conflict between the workshops scheduled in Arizona and Colorado would prevent a major participant in both workshops from effectively participating in both and warrants rescheduling the Arizona workshop. In addition, AT&T raised issues about meaningful access to documents and about resolving disputes concerning the administration of the OSS test and issuance of the draft final report that support postponing the workshop longer than the one week Staff requested. Thus, to allow the parties to participate meaningfully and to prepare adequately for the final report workshop, the workshop dates should be postponed two weeks. The two week continuance of the workshop schedule should assist in developing a better record in the Arizona proceedings and will not materially prejudice any party.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the workshop schedule in the above-captioned matter is modified as follows:

Parties submit questions and comments on Draft Final Report<sup>1</sup>

CGE&Y responds to questions on Draft

Final Report

Draft Final Report Workshop

Staff Report

Final Report issued to TAG and Commission

Parties submit Comments on Final Report and

Staff Report

January 18, 2002

January 25, 2002

Jan. 28, - Feb 1, 2002

February 8, 2002

February 20, 2002

March 4, 2002

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff shall resolve all contested IWOs prior to issuing its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although parties should submit the bulk of their questions and comments on the draft final report by January 18, 2002, they shall be entitled to file supplemental comments and questions up to and during the workshop, with the understanding that CGE&Y may not be able to respond to such questions and comments prior to the workshop.

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Staff Report on the Final Report. If Staff is unable to resolve the contested IWOs in time to file a Staff Report on February 20, 2002, Staff shall file by that date, a status report that contains an estimate of when it expects to be able to resolve all open issues and file its Staff Report. In the event the Staff Report is delayed, the parties shall have ten days from the date it is filed to file their Comments.

DATED this /5th day of January, 2002.

Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 4 day of January, 2002, to

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